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**Applicant(s):** Fernando Jose Barros Rodrigues da Silva    **Examiner:** John Q. Chavis

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**For:** SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMING    **Dated:** December 29, 2003  
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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated October 27, 2003, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to amend the above-identified application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 as follows and solicits the Examiner to reconsider the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this Amendment.

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**Dated:** December 19, 2003

  
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